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Dear Frank-

If you scrutinized the return address on the batch of reprints I sent you a few weeks ago, this will not be the first notice you will have had of my appointment here. After completing my work for a Ph.D. at Yale with Tatum, I was planning on returning to P&S for my M.D. This department made me a very attractive offer which, for better or worse, I accepted. The present situation is about what one would expect in setting up a new lab: the main problem is delivery on orders for furniture and other capital equipment.

Meantime, I am working in some more or less makeshift space. Having worked up *E. coli* as a tool for chemical-genetic analysis for my thesis, I am trying now to go ahead with the analysis of the gene-enzyme relationship, particularly with the carbohydrases which are easily determined in bacteria, and concerning the specificity of which a great deal of work has been done. I have quite a few mutants now whose specificities I am trying to compare. Right now, particularly, I would like to lay my hands on some iso-maltose (alpha-6-glucose glucoside). I heard that some of your colleagues at the NRRL might be able to supply some. I could do with 1-10 gms. of same, which is probably more than has been made, and would need at least 5-10 mg. to do anything at all. Could you do me the favor of referring this request to the most relevant part.

How has your work been coming? Getting after the role of

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